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SUBJECT: PERIPHERAL: Albania - Resistance Activities

There is enclosed a copy of a report of an interview between a [redacted] and one [redacted] an Albanian refugee who recently arrived legally in Trieste from SHIROVO, Yugoslavia. Although only 21 years of age, [redacted] was in an underground nationalist movement while in SKODER.

A story is told of the activities of six Albanians said to have been parachuted from an Italian plane at PUSHA LAIS in November 1949. The group was supposed to be under the direction of the Italian Albanian Committee for which it was to establish an information-gathering non-operational intelligence organization. Failure of the mission is attributed by the source to the disruptive influence of UDPA agents interested in obtaining for Yugoslavia the leading role in the Albanian underground.

The report also mentions that one of the parachutists organized the assassination in 1949 of Bardhok BIBA, a member of the Central Committee of the Albanian Communist Party.

Another mission is described as having been launched from MUNICH in December 1951 by the National Committee for a Free Albania with the help of an American plane which parachuted five Albanians at DIBRA. This mission is also reported to have been a failure.

Some details are given on the Yugoslav-sponsored Albanian Committee said to be headed by Apostol TAMEFTI with intellectual support from Lufti ISPAHIA and Yugoslav direction from Dusan MUGOSI.

The enclosed report is reproduced in its entirety and in its original wording as submitted by [redacted]. [redacted] is considered as personally unreliable by this office, but information supplied by him need not be considered fabrication for that reason alone.

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1. During the month of November 1949, an Italian air-plane parachuted down a group of 6 Albanian refugees; location of locality where parachutists were dropped: at FUSHA LAIS, near MIRDITA on the Drina river. The 6 Albanian refugees were members of the Albanian refugee Committee of ROME, Italy, and belonged more precisely, to the independentist block of said refugee Committee. Informant affirms that these Albanians had been specially trained for said purpose in Italy. Names of Albanian refugees parachuted down are:

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kill Bardhok BIBA, member of the Central Committee of the Albanian CP. to
Action took place during fall of 1949 in the village of OROSH (MIRDITA).
Bardhok BIBA, was attending a special meeting in said village and was
making a speech when shot to death by the group of partizans lead by

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3. During month of December 1951, an American plane departs from MUENICH, Germany. It had aboard 5 Albanian refugees, who were being sent on a special mission to Albania, by the National Committee for a Free Albania.

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